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CALGARY WELCOMES SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

★ ★ ★ Corral Hosts Classic

CALGARY — The Canadian high school curling championships — on a truly dominion basis — come to Alberta for the first time February 16-20.

They will be held in the Stampede Corral, the first time the magnificent ice palace has hosted a major curling attraction.

This is the first time the dominion championships have come to Alberta although they were held in Edmonton in 1949 when the Western Canada title was at stake.

The first draw will be held 2.30 Monday afternoon.

The final goes Friday night.

That will be all unless two teams are tied for the lead in the round-robin competition.

Alberta's hopes for a championship rest with the Johnny Trout rink of Edmonton Ross Sheppard high school. Never has Alberta won the school championship.

Eleven rinks are taking part in the event, one from each province except Ontario which sends two.

Following is the personnel of the rinks.

New Brunswick (Fredericton High, Fredericton) Raymond MacNamara, Dick Ivory, Louis Carr, Brian MacLaggan (Maj. the Rev. G. A. Hatton)

Saskatchewan (Speers High School) Doug Scott, Michael Luckowich, Gary Drobbie, George Drobbie (Percy Scott)

British Columbia (Jackson Junior-Senior High, Salmon Arm) John Rutherford, Tom Munro, John Munro, Allan Mason (Chet Millar)

Alberta (Ross Sheppard High, Edmonton) John Trout, Bruce Walker, David Woods, Allan Sharp (George Welsh)

Nova Scotia (Bridgewater High, Bridgewater) Wayne Rhodenizer, Sheldon Wambolt, George Hall, Kelvin Ogilvie (W. B. Campbell)

Manitoba (Daniel McIntyre Collegiate, Winnipeg) Jack Hellemond, Marvin Zilkie, Donald Owens, Allan Rummery (E. S. Fallis)

Ontario (Parry Sound High School) Irwin Wallace, Douglas Mortson, Ken Gilchrist, Robert Holmes (T. Haddon Meldrum)

Newfoundland (Amalgamated High, Corner Brook) Terry Poole, John Andrews, Fred Andrews, Howard Bugden (Peter Shymko)

Quebec (Percival High School, Val D'Or) Bryon Coulter, Bill Baker, Bill Middleton, Paul Skory.

Prince Edward Island (Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown) Alan Smith, Dick Matheson, Ron Smith, Roger Michael (Gordon Bennett)

Northern Ontario (Fort William Collegiate, Fort William) Tom Tod, Bill Burn, Larry Bander, Ted McGregor.



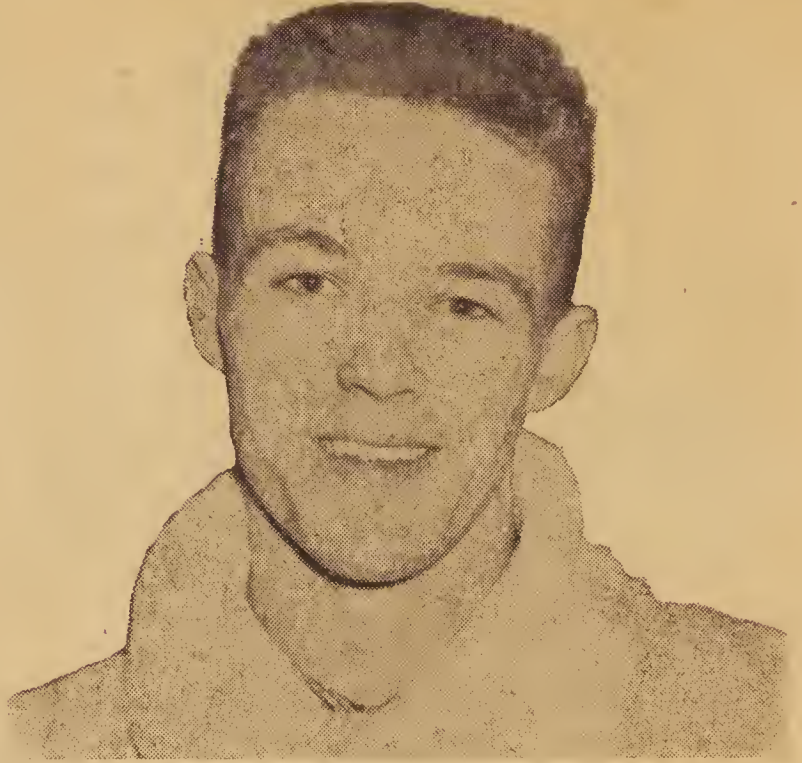
JOHNNY TROUT



ALLAN SHARP



BRUCE WALKER



DAVE WOODS

Johnny Trout Alberta's Hope

EDMONTON — They've come up with a sensational new clutch curler in the north.

What Matt Baldwin has been for the city that prides itself as the "greatest" there's a new brilliant young star on the horizon — 18-year-old Johnny Trout.

When they tee off in the Canadian high school curling championships at Calgary on February 16 Trout and his team-mates from Ross Sheppard High School at Edmonton will be carrying the Alberta banner.

They won the right to represent the province the hard way and if they keep up their sensational winning streak Alberta will have its first Dominion high school championship in history.

Trout and his mates won the first game of the double knockout competition from Red Deer 7-6 after an extra end. The game took three hours and 35 minutes.

When they teed off again Trout fought an uphill battle to win 9-8 in an extra end. That encounter took four hours and 10 minutes.

And both times it was Trout

himself who pulled off sensational shots to nail the victories.

In the initial encounter Barry Holmes and his Red Deer mates came up with a two-ender on the tenth to square matters.

But it was Trout that came through with the big one on the extra end.

Holmes seemed to have it sewed up with his shot rock on the edge of the four-foot and four well placed guards in front of the house.

Trout, however, made a terrific draw shot to come in for the all-

important point.

"I had inches — just inches," he said when it was all over. "Man, but I was lucky."

All rinks were the guests of the sponsors, Taylor, Pearson and Carson Co. Ltd., at a banquet at the Macdonald Hotel where the trophy, emblematic of the Alberta crown, was presented to Skip Trout.

Last year he was headed for provincial honors but missed out because he got but 49 per cent in his French exams at Christmas.

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7,000 Start, 4 Finish

Less than two months ago 7,000 youths in Alberta and a few in the North West Territories looked with longing to the future and the hope that they would be on the rink to represent the province-NWT section in the Canadian schoolboy curling championships at Calgary.

Now four of those lads who have survived the uphill battle along the playoff trail are at their goal but another lies ahead — to bring to Alberta for the first time in history the high school curling championship of the Dominion.

This is a BIG YEAR in high school curling in Alberta.

Last season the Alberta Schools Athletic Association sought to put a damper on high school curling playoffs. It claimed the youths who advanced along the playoff trail missed too much time from their studies.

Their argument was ill-founded, for boys who participate in inter-provincial playdowns learn much about Canada — much more in fact than they ever acquire from history books.

NEW HEIGHTS

As a result the resolution soon died and this year — the ill-advised "storm" over — curling on the high school level reached new heights.

This season marks the 13th time that Taylor, Pearson and Carson

Ltd. has sponsored curling on the high school level in Alberta. It is the fourth successive year the company has done likewise in British Columbia.

Alberta is the only province in Canada with three provincial curling associations within its borders and these, together with the North West Territories, have achieved perfect results in assist-

By **DENNY LAYZELL**

(CALGARY HERALD)

ing in the Alberta high school championships sponsored by TPC.

The Alberta Curling Association in the north, up to this year, boasted of three provincial championships. The Alberta branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club in the south had nine. Peace Curling Association and the North West Territories is still "gunning" for its initial triumph.

37 DISTRICTS

Thirty-seven curling districts compete in the playdowns and officials estimate some 7,000 youths participate.

The Peace Curling Association has 35 towns and cities in four districts. The Alberta Association has 135 in 16 districts. Southern Alberta has 127 in 16 districts. To

these are added the four towns in one district in the North West Territories to bring the total to 313.

Each curling association appoints a high school committee and a district convenor in each of the 37 districts.

In addition more than 300 high school teachers act as coaches and curling club secretaries and many curling club members offer valuable assistance.

In promoting the curling playdowns Taylor, Pearson and Carson Ltd. awards 290 curling crests in district, regional and provincial playdowns to players and coaches.

Curling jackets and tams are awarded to regional winners plus individual miniature trophies to personnel who take part in the provincial finals to which all expenses are paid.

RECEIVE CRESTS

The Alberta champions also receive provincial winners' crests and the Alberta championship trophy.

Provincial winners receive an all-expense paid trip to the Dominion interprovincial championships, to be held in Alberta for the first time since 1949, when it was held in Edmonton.

Advocates of high school curling championship are convinced the winners receive valuable experience as the result of the trips and their school work does not suffer as a result. Rather the youths are rewarded by the opportunity to meet boys of their own ages from all sections of Canada from Newfoundland to the Pacific and thus gain first-hand knowledge of Canada and its peoples.

It is stressed that the mediocre student does not receive the opportunity to participate because competitors must have an academic standing of 50 per cent or better for the school term ending Dec. 31.

GOVERNMENT BACKING

E. W. Wood of the Provincial Institute of Technology and Art, appearing at the banquet following the Alberta finals in Calgary last year, provided provincial government endorsement of the curling championships.

Appearing on behalf of and at the request of the Alberta Minister of Education he said high school curling is performing a magnificent service to the youth (Continued on page 4)

CURLING CAROUSEL

By **NED POWERS**



SASKATOON — The introduction of organized high school curling must rate as one of the most influential developments in the game's history. The development of boys in their teens has built up the standard of curling tremendously.

The results are most noticeable in Saskatoon, which is a centre recognized by all Canadians as the best producer of schoolboy curlers.

When the city men's playoffs were staged this month, a pair of former Dominion high school champions were the survivors. They were **GARY THODE** and **STAN AUSTMAN**. Both were proteges of **KEN MOIR** at Saskatoon Tech.

All members of rinks benefitted from school curling. Thode, 25, has **GARY COOPER**, 24, still throwing third rocks for him. Cooper played with Thode on the two-time Dominion champs. The **JOHNSON** boys, **GORDON**, 22, and **COLIN**, 23, round out a youthful rink. They played at Nutana during school days.

Austman, 22, was the third with the much-publicized slide during **BAYNE SECORD'S** two years of reign in schoolboy competition. His other members — all out of Tech halls, too — are **OLIVER ULRICH**, 21, **RUSS LINDBERG**, 18, and **NEWT LECKIE**, 20.

★ ★ ★
AND WHEN YOU consider that boys like Secord, **VERN LARSON**, **MERV MANN** and **GARY STEVENSON** are as large as life when it comes to trophy winning in Saskatoon events, there's reason to believe that the schoolboy movement is a strong one.

The young fellows have forced veterans and all comers to take steps to improve their games.

It can be recalled that **JIMMY HILL** of Delisle took a rink through the Saskatoon bonspiel and provincial men's playoffs with a brilliant record of 27 straight wins back in 1953. Hill just swept through everything in sight.

Five years have elapsed since then, the effects of the schoolboy movement are starting to show, and what are the odds of any rink trying to build up such a winning record in Saskatoon. From the time that Hill was the overpowering giant in northern curling, the game has taken on such growth that Hills' ability is scarcely any better than perhaps 20 to 30 skips in the area. On any given day, it could be anyone's game. The days of a one-rink dominance are ended.

Many people scoff at **CLIFF MANAHAN'S** suggestion that curlers aren't what they used to be. And perhaps there are many people who prefer the old-time performances. For one thing, the bonspiels may not be as much a social whirl as in past years because the curlers have improved in bunches so much that they come to curl.

★ ★ ★
AN ABSENTEE WHEN the shooting started in the Saskatoon bonspiel was **GLENN RICHARDSON**, the Granite ace who is generally a prize winner. Rich missed the event because of business commitments. . . . two of his regulars, **WAYNE WINKLER** and **TED BENESH**, skipped rinks and the luck of the draw brought them against each other in the opening round. . . . **JEAN MATTHEWSON** and her girls from Nutana captured the northern Saskatchewan high school championship. . . . **PAT BYERS**, **DONNA COFFEY** and **FRANCES DENNEY** are other members of the winners. . . . **MRS. MADELAINE LEFEBVRE** was a stout-hearted campaigner in the northern women's curling playoffs. . . . the St. Brieux skip beat **MRS. BOBBIE SHAKESPEARE** of Saskatoon three times out of four when the chips were down. . . . Mrs. Lefebvre counted three on the 10th and won on an extra end in an "A" division game; was two down with two ends to go and rallied to win a best-of-three final opener; lost the second; then came from behind a 7-2 count to tie the game on the 10th and win the decisive match on an extra end. . . . **MRS. EDITH TETREAULT**, **MRS. THERESA BUAN** and **MRS. IRENE MA-HUSSER** were her companions.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

This column, supplied by your neighborhood SAFEWAY store, should solve the problem of overlapping bonspiel dates. If all clubs will supply the publishers with their Bonspiel and Playoff dates as soon as possible it gives other clubs an opportunity to set dates that will not conflict with yours. Curlers wanting to participate in your spiel will have a better opportunity to patronize you if your dates are included here.

FEBRUARY

- 16—Sibbald
16—Cereal
16-18—Medicine Hat Ladies' Open bonspiel.
16-18—Carlyle bonspiel.
16-18—Ceylon bonspiel.
16-18—Ogema bonspiel.
16-21—Carstairs
16-21—Milk River bonspiel.
17-19—Red Deer ladies' bonspiel.
20-21—Vulcan ladies' bonspiel.
20-21—Brooks ladies' bonspiel.
21-24—Whitehorse bonspiel.
23—Acadia Valley
23—Chinook
23-28—Maple Creek Bonspiel.
23-28—Alberta branch, RCCC, bonspiel at Calgary.
23-26—Tisdale bonspiel.
23-28—Swift Current bonspiel.
23-28—Picture Butte "Chinook Bonspiel."
24-27—Lethbridge Ladies' open bonspiel.
25-1—Taber bonspiel.

MARCH

- 1-31—Shop Safeway
2—Irricana
2-5—Edmonton ladies' bonspiel.
2-6—Brier at Quebec City.
2-6—Jasper Curling Club bonspiel.
2-7—Hanna bonspiel.
6-7—Teachers bonspiel, Lethbridge.
8—B'nai B'rith bonspiel, Lethbridge.
9-11—Canmore ladies' bonspiel.
9-14—ACA (Edmonton) Bonspiel.
9-14—Medicine Hat bonspiel.
9-14—Yorkton bonspiel.
9-14—Drumheller bonspiel.
9-14—Gleichen bonspiel.
9-14—Vulcan bonspiel.
10-12—Calgary ladies' bonspiel.
10-12—Western Canada T. Eaton playoffs.
12-15—Elks bonspiel, Lethbridge.
13-15—Jasper Women's Spiel.
16-19—Wetaskiwin Open 'Spiel.
16-21—Red Deer bonspiel.
19-21—RCAFA bonspiel, Lethbridge.
23-28—Swift Current Car 'Spiel
23-28—Open bonspiel, Calgary.
23-26—Vancouver ladies' bonspiel.
27-29—Mixed 'spiel, Lethbridge.
27-30—Easter Bunny bonspiel at Blairmore.

APRIL

- 1-30—Shop Safeway
2-3-4—Western Canada Doctors' bonspiel.
9-12—Last Chance bonspiel, Hibbing, Minn.

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BY DON FLEMING

EDMONTON — Seems to be quite a to-do these times over what era supplied the greatest curlers.

Personally, we believe it's much ado about nothing. It goes without saying that, as a general rule, there was a much greater variety of shots that had to be made until a decade or so ago.

But styles have a habit of changing, and there seems to be good solid logic that steered curling into more of a running game, in contrast to the fresh atrocities that are being dreamed up for the gals to wear from year to year.

Matt Baldwin will tell you that his strategy is primarily based on leaving as routine a shot as it is possible for himself. An open takeout or fairly easy draw is what his game boils down to, providing everything goes according to schedule.

Of course, a miss or two, and situations change, and only then do the more interesting ends of the present-day masters develop.

Today's curling certainly does not lessen the degree of proficiency required of a successful player. Merely, the variety of shots. If anything, more pressure is placed on a player of today when he has to make a shot.

If he misses the broom, the shot is generally missed. In yesteryear, because so many rocks cluttered up the fronts of the houses, the rings themselves, that if you wandered from the broom, you still had an increased possibility (as compared to today) of wicking in off something or getting a fortunate raise or some other manner of fluke.

Today's misses are therefore magnified. In earlier eras, the post mortems always had plenty of material if you wrecked on the way in.

The old boys, of necessity, had to have lots of shots in their bags of tricks, and consequently it was a more interesting game to watch.

Today's perfectionists, though, make it a must that they have the chance to get in with their last rock, and by keeping tidy houses, they lessen the chance of flukes being the great equalizer when they are playing a team of lesser stature.

Do you suppose that the strategy of today is here to stay? We would suspect so, unless there are some revolutionary changes to the game.

During a couple of games between Baldwin and Olson in the Northern Consols, Cliff Manahan was occupying a chair beside your correspondent. Another neighbor asked the Brier champion of 1933 and 1937 if he thought that curlers would ever go back to the old game in which you needed all the shots in book, and then still more of them.

"No, I don't think so," Cliff replied quickly. "Not unless maybe we went back to the irons and took those long rolls out of the game."

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EDMONTON — The Edmonton Clubbers are probably justified in their contention that a new era of curling prosperity has dawned for them.

At this writing, they have contenders to win everything in sight at both men's and women's levels.

Held in approximately the same affection as Herbie Olson's young Northern Alberta champions is Dorothy Thompson's fine crew of shotmakers from the Edmonton Girls Business League which makes its home at the ECC.

Mrs. John Thompson, as she is known off the ice, is a full-fledged member of the ECC fraternity, not just a gal they've adopted because her league rents ice at the Edmonton.

Her husband curls at the ECC, and she herself was a regular member of the Edmonton's Ladies League up until the last two or three years. Then because she was having trouble with her back, she sharply restricted her curling for a time, and eventually settled for just the Business Girls League, for which she qualifies by reason

of being a valued employee of Eaton's in their paint department.

If Dorothy takes her rink all the way this year, it will be apropos to keeping the Eaton Trophy right at home, for the sponsor of the interprovincial playdowns signs the pay cheques in her workaday world.

Mrs. Thompson has one of her rinkmates from that title-winning team of 1954 with her again. She is Isla Watson, who plays in the second slot.

The other members of the ECC's standard-bearers in the women's playdowns are Eleanor Myers and Vivian Kortgard.

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Thousands of Canadian lads would rather curl than study. It is only natural for growing teenagers chuck-full of restless energy to desert their books in favor of more invigorating activities if they can find an excuse to do so. This is where the trouble starts. The teachers are plagued on one side by inspectors and school authorities trying indefatigably to raise the standards of their proteges to a passable minimum; and on the other by parents pestering them about Johnnie's poor grades in the classroom. Squirring mischievously in the middle Johnnie takes impish delight in playing the little martyr, and using one excuse or another he goes merrily on with his extra-curricular activities. It is the centuries old question of where does the parents' authority stop and that of the pedagogue begin?

The Canadian committee, delegated to supervise and regulate the activities of the sixty thousand school boy curlers who are eligible for Provincial playdowns, is extremely conscious of the necessity of emphasizing that books are more important than curling stones. With the new craze for curling in many parts of Canada the kids, often with the unwitting acquiescence of their parents, lose sight of the fact that schoolwork is a preparation for a lifetime occupation; whereas the roaring game offers only an enjoyable diversion. The time devoted to each should therefore be relative to a boy's ability as a student.

It was with this avowed purpose that the Canadian School Curling Committee, in its annual deliberations at Charlottetown last February, tightened the eligibility rules for students entering Provincial playdowns. As before, all boys under 19 years of age must be enrolled for a full year's work at school to compete; but if they failed in their studies the previous year (whether through too much curling or any other skylarking,) they are now automatically barred from competition. At the same time they must be certified by their principal as being regular attenders doing satisfactory work. By this ruling the curling authorities have indicated to educationalists that they agree that curling with its many fine traditions is a splendid game for school kids but it must play second fiddle to Mr. Chip's required standards in the classroom.

Shortly after the youthful competitors arrive on the scene of the playdown, full of their usual dreams and hopes for conquest and glory, they are requested to respect certain courtesy rules with regard to their conduct on and off the ice. These are the traditions of school boy curling at the championship level that reflect the spirit of co-operation and friendly rivalry that have always existed without recourse to umpires, warnings or penalties.

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS

1947—Don Montgomery	Franklin, Man.
1948—Stan Gowing	Morden, Man.
1949—J. Thompson	Humboldt, Sask.
1950—Bill Clarke	Regina, Sask.
1951—Gary Thode	Saskatoon, Sask.
1952—Gary Thode	Saskatoon, Sask.
1953—Bob Walker	Oshawa, Ont.
1954—Byron Secord	Saskatoon, Sask.
1955—Byron Secord	Saskatoon, Sask.
1956—Bob Hawkins	Regina, Sask.
1957—Ian Johnston	Kingston, Ont.
1958—Tom Tod	Fort William, Ont.

Player's Please



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EXTRA ENDS

By GLENN BJARNASON
Sports Commentator, CBX

EDMONTON — Somehow it wasn't quite the same at Grande Prairie. Art Simpson wasn't there. Neither was Matt Baldwin. They had turned the provincial Consols into their private bonspiel in the past and it didn't seem proper, some how, that they weren't there again.

Maybe its the beginning of a new era, at least in the north. Herbie Olson's youthful quartet was considered the threat right from the start of the 16-zone Northern Alberta playdowns. He justified the faith of many, particularly his dad Ole, and George Snowden.

One of the highlights of the Northern Alberta finals at the Shamrock, I thought, was the game between Dr. Jack Geddes and Baldwin, which Matt eventually won with last rock in the 13th end.

What irony that might have been had the curling dentist been able to pull it out of the fire. He was third man on the Baldwin rink that won the Brier at Victoria and was more or less unceremoniously dumped for the 1958-59 season. He gave it the old college try with some fine help from Roger Dion, Don Clarke and Joe Armstrong, to come from five behind to tie in the 12th end.

Baldwin curled well, but that razor sharp edge that he usually kept for such competitions, seemed to be lacking. Perhaps he wanted that fourth Brier too much.

Gordon Haynes didn't curl his usual best. I doubt if Gordon can remember when his play went as haywire for so long a time, as it did during the latter stages of the northern playdowns.

YOU CAN TALK about hospitality at bonspiels, but they have one up at Prince George in B.C. that's got them all beaten.

Among the four events they have one called the Kelly Cup. It's reported by Rusty Robinson at Jasper, as the biggest cup in competition anywhere in curling.

When you get off the train at Prince George you have hardly had time to get your bearings before a member of the welcome committee shoves a jar of bubbly into your hands. This is to keep you warm since it gets pretty cold at Prince George.

But back to the Kelly Cup. It stands about five feet high and Robinson swears it holds 29 jars of bubbly, with mix of course.

At the presentation ceremony the winner and the runnerup and their rinks, are marched into the clubhouse and grouped around a circular table. On the table, completely filled, is the Kelly Cup.

Then the skips are required to stand up on the table and are given a couple of full glasses of refreshment. They must chug-a-lug. Then the other members of the two rinks also get up on the table, and the chug-a-lugging goes on again.

Finally when the two competing rinks have had their fill, which doesn't take long, the rest of the crowd gets in on the fun.

It sounds like a short course in self destruction.

FEW PEOPLE are more enthusiastic about school curling than Joe Marriott, who has acted as umpire at most of the T&P affairs since they were started.

Joe's interest goes a long way back and reflects his foresight. He showed me a letter last week, dated January 13, 1936, which he had written to Fred W. Graham, then secretary of the Saskatchewan Curling Association. Joe lived in Bateman, Saskatchewan at the time.

In it Joe wrote a resolution

which in part said that the curling season of 1937-38 be set aside and arrangements made for every district in the province to hold competitions for boys who are members of the curling club in a particular town, under the age of 24 years.

Joe wound up his letter by saying that the future of the game depended on the boys.

How right he was.

LOOSE STRAWS — Pete Hrynchuk, the representative from Redwater in the Northern Zone finals, missed a great chance to lay a six-ender against Dr. Geddes in their opening game. As it was he came up about a foot light and counted only one. In rebuttal to Bill Good's remarks of last issue that Cliff Manahan hadn't named Ken Watson as one of the greats. Remarked Cliff: "I didn't forget Watson, but I never played against him nor have ever seen him curl. I was discussing only men I had seen or played against."

My favorite Barber Wally Farrell proved to be quite a giant-killer in the city Consols playoffs a couple of weeks back. He knocked off Bucky Stockinsky, the Menorah hope, by a 12-4 count in the very first game, and made it down to within two games of a city zone berth. Stockinsky, by the way, has got to be the

most gracious loser in curling. "Why not," he cracks, "I've had a lot of practice."

... Whatever became of Hugh Brown?

7,000 Start...

(Continued from page 2)
of Alberta and the sport is to be highly commended.

One has but to attend high school curling matches to realize the full import of the training in sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct which has been instilled in the young curlers.

One Calgarian, long associated with the game, probably explained it best when he said "You never see zoot-suiters or 'dead-end' kids in curling playoffs."

Alberta may gain its first Canadian schoolboy curling crown this year.

If it does not, much still has been accomplished and there is always next year in the greatest "next year" country in the world.

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Three-Year Battle Won

By LORNE COOPER

NORTH BATTLEFORD — Four young curlers, equipped with ability, determination and the will to win, are the toast of the town of Speers, 40 miles east of North Battleford. Doug Scott 17, Mike Lukowich, 15, Garry Drabble, 18 and George Drabble, 15, captured the Saskatchewan High School Boys' Curling Championships and won the right to represent this province in Dominion playdowns being held at Calgary February 16-20th.

Carrying this province's colors into the high school curling classic, victory marked crowning of a three year battle by the Scott foursome. Reaching the northern finals in 1957, Scott was defeated in the final by Saskatoon and settled for runner-up honors. Last winter Scott took another step up the ladder as he swept the northern playdowns by reversing the tables on Saskatoon in the finals, and went south to meet the southern representative, Fred Hanson of Maple Creek. Hanson nudged the championship out of reach of the Speers rink for another year as they won the best of three series two games to one.

This year Scott and his mates swept the North Battleford School Unit play without a loss, went through district playdowns with a clean sweep and advanced to the northern finals in Saskatoon for the third straight year. Supporters of the Speers rink felt that the famine was due to end and hopes began to rise when Scott won the "C" group in Saskatoon with five straight wins to advance to the final. Saskatoon City Park skipped by Ken Warren ousted Tisdale and for the second straight year met Speers in a sudden death final. Scott, receiving good support from his teammates, took the final from Saskatoon to successfully defend their northern crown.

Bill Britton of Craven, southern title winners, and Scott hooked up in a thrill and suspense packed best-of-three provincial final in Saskatoon. Craven was minus its skip who had come down with the mumps. Speers took the opener 9-6 and appeared well on its way (Continued on Page 6)

John Trout....

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This made him ineligible for the playoffs because regulations demand all players must have an average of 50 per cent or better in all tests.

In the high school playdowns he has won 14 games without a defeat. On top of that he is leading all curlers — and all older — in the top division of the Crestwood Curling Club at Edmonton.

But any winning rink is more than a one-man effort. Bruce Walker, third, Dave Woods, second, and Allan Sharp, lead, all fit into the pattern.

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th —

Arrival at McCall Field of curlers, coaches and officials from Eastern Canada.

Trip to Banff via bus.

(Time of bus departure dependent on arrival of curlers.) Your accommodation arranged for an over night stay at the Mount Royal Hotel.

Afternoon Sight-seeing at Banff to include a trip to Mount Norquay and a ride to top of mountain via ski-lift.

6:00 p.m. Dinner.
7:00 p.m. Curling
9:30 p.m. Dance "High School"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th —

Breakfast

Sight-seeing.

Bus returns to Calgary arriving at 1:00 p.m.

McCall Field arrival of balance of curlers and officials. Reservations for all curlers and officials at Palliser Hotel, 9th Ave. and 1st St. West.

2:00 p.m. Tour of City and a visit to Calgary Curling Club, Jubilee Auditorium and Provincial School of Technology.
5:00 p.m. Buffet Supper — Ball Room, Palliser Hotel. (Compliments of Taylor, Pearson & Carson.)

6:45 p.m. Motor calvalcade for all to Scarboro United Church at 134 Scarboro Ave.
7:30 p.m. Church Service — Rev. J. W. Collett, Padre Alberta Branch, R.C.C.C.

9:15 p.m. Official Draw — Ball Room, Palliser Hotel. Instructions to curlers and coaches immediately after the Draw by Ken Watson. J. Irl England in charge of Draw.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16th —

9:00 a.m. Stampede Corral — Practice games for all teams. Five-end games.

11:00 a.m. — Group and team photographs — Walter Cadmon, official photographer.

12:15 p.m. Luncheon Palliser Room, Palliser Hotel. (Guests of the Province of Alberta.)

Motor cavalcade to Stampede Corral.

2:00 p.m. First Draw
5:00 p.m. Officials Press, Radio and T.V. Party, East Room and West Room, Palliser Hotel. (Compliments of Pepsi-Cola Co. of Canada Ltd. and Taylor, Pearson & Carson Ltd.)

School curlers do not participate in this function. Official opening ceremonies at Stampede Corral.

7:30 p.m. Second Draw

8:15 p.m. Second Draw

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th —

Industrial visit. A tour of the Imperial Oil Refineries. (Courtesy of Imperial Oil Limited.)

12:15 p.m. Civic luncheon in Palliser Hotel.

2:30 p.m. Third Draw

8:00 p.m. Fourth Draw

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th —

10:00 a.m. Flight over Turner Valley oil field. (Courtesy of Trans Canada Air Lines.)

2:30 p.m. Fifth Draw

5:30 p.m. Glencoe Club — Buffet Supper for curlers, coaches, officials, etc. (Guests of Mr. A. E. Wilson, president of the Dominion Curling Association.)

8:00 p.m. Sixth Draw

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19th —

10:00 a.m. Seventh Draw

2:30 p.m. Eighth Draw

8:00 p.m. Ninth Draw

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th —

12:15 p.m. Luncheon, Palliser Room, Palliser Hotel. (Compliments of the Pepsi-Cola Co. of Canada Ltd.)

2:30 p.m. Tenth Draw

7:00 p.m. Final Draw

If a play-off is necessary it will be played thirty minutes after the final or Eleventh Draw is finished.

Immediately after the games are over the presentation of the Pepsi-Cola Trophy, emblematic of the Canadian School Curling Championship and prizes will be made by Mr. F. W. McIntosh, President and Managing Director of Pepsi-Cola Co. of Canada Ltd.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st — Departure for home.

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1959—Edmonton

1960 Test Given To Noranda

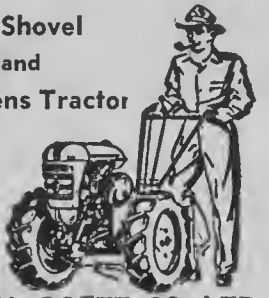
The 1960 Canadian high school curling championships will be held in Noranda, Quebec.

Those bidding for the '61 classic are Trail and Montreal and other invitations are expected to be attended.

Here are the places where the championships were held. The first three years the championships were for the Western Canada title and became truly dominion only with the 1950 event.

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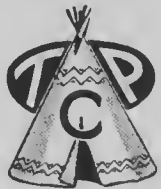
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Expansion of the Canadian High School Curling Championships to a 12-rink affair embracing an entry from the Northern Territories is the confident forecast of an Alberta schoolboy curling official.

"It may not come tomorrow but it's got to come in the near future," says E. J. (Ted) Brookes, Alberta representative on the Dominion high school executive and chief host Feb. 16 when the national junior event is held at the Calgary Stampede Corral.

He points to the high interest in such growing centres as Fort St. John, B.C., and Yellowknife,

N.W.T. (both now included in the Alberta zone playoffs) to back his claims. "The Peace River entry is getting stronger every year," he notes, "and Yellowknife is already showing interest in staging the Alberta finals, although this is not practical at present."

Now in his eighth year at the helm of high school curling in the province and a past president of the RCCC in Southern Alberta, Ted knows whereof he speaks. And he's an optimistic and enthusiastic booster for the future of the student game.

DELINQUENCY DETERRENT

"It's the biggest factor in combatting juvenile delinquency in the

By GERRY REYNOLDS

(Calgary Herald)

last 10 years," he says emphatically. He cites the national championships as the major spur to the game's spread and the needed incentive in obtaining the high grades essential for playdown eligibility.

Ted attributes the game's popularity (there are 12,000 high school curlers in Alberta alone) to two major factors.

One is the fact that almost anyone can participate. "Physical capabilities are not nearly so important as in, say, hockey or football," he points out. "The so-called born athlete has no advantage here and it's a fact that natural athletes do not control the game."

Curling's appeal for the distaff side has also to be reckoned with as a stimulus, he says, since curling is one of the few major Canadian sports in which mixed teams are popular. This has tended to accelerate the spread of the game, particularly in recent years.

PARENTS GET CREDIT

Ted also gives credit to parents,

senior clubs and associations for fostering and promoting the game amongst youngsters. Finally, and of major importance, come the sponsors — Pepsi-Cola and Taylor, Pearson & Carson — who between

them foot the playdowns bill for all 11 rinks from the 10 provinces.

Lack of sponsorship has been a key problem in the recent past but Ted believes it has been solved most ideally. Pepsi-Cola now

picks up the tab for all provinces east of Alberta while Taylor, Pearson & Carson takes care of expenses in Alberta and B.C. There is also complete harmony with the sponsors, who leave the administration of all playdowns to the national committee.

An academic eligibility standard common to all provinces is also a necessity, Ted believes. Hand in hand with this is coast-to-coast equality of administration, at both the association and school levels.

He's optimistic that some form of standardization will come about. "Time will see provincial recreation branches working with the educational system to provide better facilities and better training."

But all these things are for the future. Ted's current problem is the staging of the 1959 national championships — the first time Alberta has had the host role.

HOSPITALITY REPUTATION

Also at stake is Calgary's reputation for hospitality. Ted and the 100 aides working under him on 15 different committees appear to have this facet well in hand. They promise one or two new wrinkles which would be hard to emulate elsewhere.

One of these is an overnight trip to Banff and Lake Louise for all competitors. There will also be some colorful Indian ceremonies during the week.

As for the curling itself, probably the least strenuous schedule to date has been drawn up — one which includes but a single morning draw during the five days of curling. This means, of course, that only one day contains three draws and both competitor and spectator alike shouldn't complain on that score.

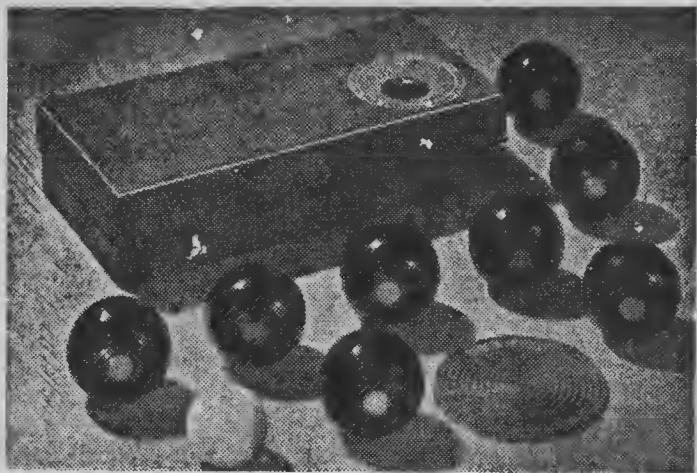
In short, "if not the best, then one of the best," Ted predicts of this year's championships. From here, it looks like a safe prediction.



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Three-Year Battle (Continued from page 5)

to the provincial crown. It was a battling Craven foursome that added more suspense to the final outcome as it came from behind to win a 10-9 extra end thriller in the second game. The final proved to be a heart stopper as well with Craven forcing a tie on the tenth end to extend the match to extra ends. On the 11th Scott saw his dreams come true as he counted two big and all important points to gain a 9-7 win.

Scott's record is 1957-northern runner-up, 1958-provincial runner-up, 1959-provincial champs and Scott could add the final chapter by winning the Dominion title. However, should they fail to march right to the top, Speers will still have another chance next year. The entire rink will still be together next winter. The boys with their coach Percy Scott have certainly done themselves proud and have given a terrific boost to the small farming community of

Speers. It is interesting to note that only one other boy in high school at Speers is a curler and that Scott's lead man George Drabble is a grade eight student. To put together a provincial winner and maybe a Dominion championship rink from the small realm of Speers is a further credit to the rink and their coach. Credit is also due to the people of Speers who have given the Scott foursome whole-hearted support during its search for provincial honors. A phone call to Speers the day of the finals revealed that the town was almost deserted as the Speers folks had travelled to Saskatoon to give the boys their support.

Our sincere congratulations to the Scott rink, their coach Percy Scott (Doug's father) and all who have played any part in the success of the Speers rink. Saskatchewan residents and particularly the folks of this area will be awaiting with eagerness word on the rink's progress at Calgary. Win or lose the Scott rink will still be champions. They are the first North Battleford district winner to win provincial honors.

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THE ARGUMENT AGAINST

While not entirely convinced myself of the arguments against high school curling, friend Johnny Hopkins insisted I take the "con" side of the argument with Ken Watson sticking with the "pro" side.

Almost totally, arguments against high school curling, especially in relation to provincial and Dominion competitions, has to do with education.

Several educationalists have come to the conclusion that there is no mixing of curling and education — as a matter of fact, several hockey personalities (notably Connie Smythe and Baldy Cotton) have said that education has hurt hockey.

The basic argument is not so much that the younger curlers lose time from school in pursuing curling prizes but rather that curling takes too much of their "thinking" time even while they're in school.

In other words, the kids put on their thinking cap in school but it's directed more at how to win a match than at solving an algebra problem.

A few years ago, high school curling involved a small, select circle mostly based in Western Canada. Today, almost all schools across Canada have a curling league and one of the prime objectives — despite the schools'

basic formula that any sport is included in the curriculum only as a means of teaching children how to take care of their bodies — is to win the top prize in provincial and Canadian events.

As a matter of fact, things have reached such a pretty pass that even the curling lassies may get into the act.

There is no question but that curling has revolved from an "old man's game" to one for any age or sex, and the pastime basis has been forgotten in the light of extra-keen competition.

The competition part is what the schools don't like.

There was a case a few years ago of a high school rink attending one bonspiel after another just as a means of getting sharper for provincial competition — that particular rink almost won a car bonspiel.

By RAY GUAY

(Calgary Albertan)

This, the educationalists say, is passing the mark, and rightly so.

There are few such extremes but with the keen competition existing today no

Johnnies-come-lately can ever hope of grabbing top laurels. The type of curling seen at the high school level is such that the participants must have hours of practice and plenty of games. There surely can be no case of anyone forming a team of rookies and holding any hope of ever winning anything.

It then follows that, while the youngsters may not be missing any time from school, they are spending a lot of their free time at the curling rink, something which must reflect in their school marks.

One of the basic rules of high school curling, at all organized levels, is that the participants must have good marks before being accepted. This, I suppose, is adhered to but there's no way of ascertaining how many youngsters, with good marks in November, are doing as well at the end of the term, after a busy curling season.

There's also something to the effect that high school curlers, in Dominion competition, take along their books so they won't lag too far in their studies.

Now, I ask you, how many of the curlers taking part in the Canadian championships here will take the bother, or have the time, to even glance at a school book?

THE ARGUMENT FOR

In the last ten years curling among school boys has become so popular that over 60,000 lads in Canada are now addicts of the roaring game. School curling has achieved national prominence and a great deal of publicity. The obvious reason for the ever-mounting interest among school boys for curling is clear. It is now the only school sport that declares its national champions each year.

When any movement grows big and important there are always an increasing number of critics sniping at it. The majority of these seem to be numbered among the educationalists who, as members of provincial school athletic associations, think they see a dire and sinister influence dragging the boys out of reach of their control. They claim that they are not opposed to school curling within provincial boundaries but they arm themselves with a score of pedantic moralisms to convince themselves more than others, that curling at the national level is little better than encouraging juvenile delinquency.

As an educator of twenty years' experience, I admit that the critics are honest in their motives but I challenge the reasoning and the premises on which they base their conclusions. First they say, "Why should curling be the only school sport with academic controls? Are you satisfied with just any kind of student — including failures — representing his school and province?" It is true that the boys must play in the curling rinks outside the school premises and also outside of school hours but in the great majority of cases teachers are in charge. As for failures representing schools, here is exactly where the teacher and principal can use curling as an incentive for better school marks. The school has the right to insist on any academic standard it requires before allowing a boy to enter the provincial play-downs. If failures have represented any school or province the blame can be laid right in the principal's lap for it is he or she who must sign the entry form. By insisting on adequate school marks the teacher wields a far greater persuasive force than that of the old-fashioned shillelagh.

Next the educationalists counter with, "A Dominion playoff is not necessary to preserve school boy curling." How wrong can they get! Where was school curling before the Canadian playoffs started? Where would



KEN WATSON

football be without the Grey Cup; hockey without the Stanley, Allen or Memorial Cups; men's curling without the Brier? Within ten years school curling would be only a memory if it were reduced to the provincial or regional level. The Canadian School Title is the plum at the top of the tree attained only by super-human endeavor. There should be a

By KEN WATSON

(School Curling Chairman)

goal and it should be high, just like that 100 marks in Geometry, so that supreme effort in the face of stiff competition is necessary to achieve it. Educationalists have gone far enough through so-called progressive measures in education to eliminate competition and reduce the hazards in achieving academic standards. Let's leave this dream of the kid

curlers be and use it instead as a strong and unyielding prop to bolster the educational level of the boys who want to curl.

The next blast suggests that a team of boys should not lose a week of precious school time to attend the Dominion play-downs. Five days of school lost by four boys out of 8,000 in Alberta; four out of 20,000 in Saskatchewan; four out of 3,000 in Ontario? Yes, only four boys from each province who in February this year will fly to Calgary, famous for its popular Stampede, to experience one of the greatest thrills of their young lives. Who could honestly object to such a wonderful lesson in practical history? While in Calgary these lads from every Canadian province will be fraternizing with each other and experiencing the same feeling as the fathers of our great country. No wonder that they will stand proudly at attention when singing "O Canada," our National Anthem, for as young Canadians they will feel a pride in their country and its people that their schools and teachers could never instill.

Educationalists who have voiced objections to school curling at the national level by no means represent the majority opinion. In only two provinces, Alberta and Ontario, have such protests been heard and these emanated largely from pedagogues in the larger cities or from physical education association officials who feared that their authority might be undermined.

Curling as a school sport is in a somewhat different category than basketball, volley ball, rugby and possibly hockey, in that the facilities for play are not found on the school grounds. Therefore, if school curling is to maintain its present popularity it is necessary for the schools who provide the players to work in close co-operation with the curlers who furnish the ice. At the local level it is important that there be teacher supervision; while in the provincial organization a committee composed of representatives of teachers and curling officials is vitally important to arrange schedules and run the play-downs.

The school officials working in co-operation with the provincial curling authorities have it within their power to control the number of extra-curricular school activities in which a student may take part. Why shouldn't they curl instead of loafing on the streets with little to do?

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BALDWIN ERA SNAPPED OFF

EDMONTON — One thing about it, Matt Baldwin's demise as the nation's curling monarch must mean a showdown on at least one count.

The boys in Southern Alberta like to think that the north's superiority of recent years was strictly a freak of destiny. If Baldwin, a native of a small Saskatchewan community, had not chosen to locate in Edmonton after graduating from University of Alberta in petroleum engineering, then somebody would have had a king-sized rewrite job on the annals of the game.

Of course, this is meagre refuge. It's akin to suggesting what might have happened if nobody had put a curling rock in Matthew's hand for the first time.

EAGER HAVEN

Yet this is haven eagerly accepted by curlers across the country, not just the almost-automatic bridesmaids from the south. Over in Manitoba, for instance, they still haven't comprehended the embarrassing fact that they have been eclipsed during recent years

... in both the Brier and school-boy divisions.

"After Baldwin, what is there in Northern Alberta, besides a lot of reasonably good curlers like all the rest of us have got?" George Elder, a die-hard Calgarian, challenged a group of northerners recently.

Well, it goes without saying that the Elder theory is not endorsed in this part of the country.

Truth of the matter is that Baldwin's sternest struggles along the Brier trail have generally been getting out of his area. There is one exception ... a year ago when Art Simpson of Bassano had Matt beaten in the Alberta final only to yield to a common error or lesser curlers. It was a comparatively simple draw shot, which Simpson had been making consistently throughout the series at the Edmonton Gardens. He concentrated so much on the right weight that he got careless of the broom. This was proof sufficient that the broom can be as important for draw shots as takeouts.

NEVER CONTAINED

Three years ago, Baldwin got back into the Consols on a technicality after all intents and purposes he had been eliminated. A year later, Lionel Wood had him on the ropes, but couldn't down him for the count.

There have been other cases where somebody upstairs must have been looking after Matt.

That's why, being a realistic sort, Baldwin must have seen something in the crystal ball when he made a statement on television:

"Maybe I've used up my luck in the last few years."

Now, there is little doubt in most people's minds but that Baldwin is still the best shotmaker in Canada. In fact, he himself curled better in the playdowns in this year than ever before. Generally, it's not until he gets to the Brier that this great pressure curler reaches his peak.

By DON FLEMING

Figure it out for yourself, then. Herb Olson did not reach the Alberta final this time because he caught Baldwin in a slump. It follows, then, that Northern Alberta has something else pretty good going in the young Olsons. **GUILTY OF LAPSES**

True, Baldwin was guilty of a couple of lapses that cost him dearly, but generally he got a lot of mileage out of a team that just couldn't get hot together.

Glenn Gray, back as Baldwin's third man after a three-year absence, couldn't get going until the

last game. By that time, Gordon Haynes at second had tailed off, and lead man Bill Price instead of hitting enemy rocks out front on the corners and rolling them off, was striking them on the nose and affording the opposition much the same potential protection as if he had missed altogether.

On paper, this was the greatest team Baldwin had ever piloted. That's not where you win games, though. Many's the slip betwixt the cup and lip, yon know.

As far as we're concerned, the potential is still there. Personally we'd like to see them stick together for another year.

ASSAULT DELAYED

In the meantime, Baldwin must delay his assault on the game's records. He'll continue to share the honor of winning most Briers (three) with Ken Watson for at least another season. Similarly, he and Gordon Hudson, like Watson another retired competitive curler, will continue to rank side by side as the proprietors of the most Brier triumphs in succession. Hudson prevailed in 1928 and

1929, Baldwin in 1957 and 1958.

Getting back to the Olsons, again this isn't a lad who just happened to slip in while nobody was looking. He's been knocking on the door for quite a spell.

Back in his schooldays, he was winning his share of loot, but that was before the schoolboys championships became the thing.

In 1955, he was throwing fourth rocks for his dad, Ole, when they graduated to the provincial final only to be downed by Hugh Brown. In 1957, his rink made it to the final of the last carspiel staged in Edmonton, but Bill Sharpe of Manitou could not be denied.

Then last year, he carried Baldwin to the three-game limit in the Northern Alberta playoffs.

Another thing, in their last six Consols meetings, Olson has beaten Baldwin four times.

So, Mr. Elder, you and your kind may have your ideas on what would be left of Northern Alberta if they took Baldwin out of here, but don't be going telling Matt about it.



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Never Waste A Trophy

By WALT RIDDELL

SASKATOON — What happens when some one donates a trophy and there's no immediate use for it?

The answer is: Form a school curling committee.

That's just about the way school curling had its start in Saskatchewan in the winter of 1945-46.

Ernie Thompson, Saskatoon woollen wears salesman, donated a trophy to his Saskatoon Nutana Curling Club for high school curling. The trophy was in memory of his son Al, an RCAF pilot, who lost his life in the Second World War.

Saskatoon didn't have any school organization, and neither did the Nutana club nor the Saskatchewan Curling Association.

The trophy didn't stand idle very long. By chance one after-

noon in early December a group of curlers from the Granite and Nutana clubs were setting around the Nutana club and the question of Ernie's trophy and school curling came up for discussion. Among those in this gathering were the late Jack Miller, president of the SCA; Burd McNiece, who is now chairman of the Saskatchewan school curling committee; Bill Perry, the late Harry Cooper, Bill Hain, Jack Forsyth and the writer.

It was only a matter of minutes until a committee was organized with Bill Hain, chairman, and the writer, secretary. It was then decided that an invitation bonspiel be held at Nutana during the Christmas holidays with a limited entry of 24 rinks. The entries were mailed and 24 replies plus about 20 others received in a matter of days.

A Senlac rink was the first winner of the Thompson trophy. That was the start of school curling in Saskatchewan.

Between that time and the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Curling Association in the spring, the Rev. Donald Bruce Macdonald, now of Edmonton, and then a minister of Grace United Church here, preached a sermon on the benefits of school curling. He spoke from experience as he had curled in an early Manitoba school bonspiel.

At the annual meeting in Regina, with considerable support from J. S. Miller, the association decided to sponsor school curling with Burd McNiece chairman of a committee to consist of six members. The writer was northern convener from 1946 to 1958.

Up until three years ago, the school committee handled all affairs connected with the play-downs. Since then schools conduct the playoffs and the SCA does not step into the picture until the zone winners have been declared.

Ever since its inception the committee has worked in close co-operation with the provincial Department of Education and its physical fitness and recreation division.

Since school curling became a full fledged national event in 1949, Saskatchewan has dominated the competition. Its national winners include: Jack Thompson, Humboldt, in 1949; Bill Clarke, Regina, in 1950; Gary Thode, Saskatoon in 1951 and 1952; Byron Secord in 1954 and 1955; and Bob Hawkins in 1956. The Saskatoon rinks were all coached by Ken Moir of the Tech Collegiate.

The Saskatchewan School Curling Committee is still headed by Burd McNiece. The other members are George Munro and Bob McWhirter, Regina, and Ken Moir, Alex Gilliland and Jack Forsyth, Saskatoon.

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